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REMARKS

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1. On 10 November 1953, the Mudra Kaserne, Riesa, was occupied by about 1,300 to 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with tank insignia. 25X1
- About 8 to 10 trucks occupied by troops daily left the installation toward Zeithain and returned before dark. 25X1

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2. On 10 November, the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 25X1
- On 7 November, about 15 troops worked on 4 JS-1 tanks in front of the tank sheds. Between 5 and 8 November, about 8 to 10 trucks occupied by troops, armed with carbines and carrying rolled blankets, almost daily left the installation toward Zeithain, returning on the same day. 25X1

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On 9 November, about 24 to 29 armored personnel carriers 25X1

left the installation toward Zeithain. At about 8 p.m. on the same day, BA-64 armored scout cars 25X1

entered the installation, coming from the direction of Zeithain. 25X1

On 10 November, 7 JS tanks left the installation toward Zeithain. 1 25X1

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3. On 27 October, a tank exercise was held in the Zeithain-Groeditz-Elsterwerda-Riesa-Oschatz area. The exercise involved 60 to 70 T-34/85 and JS tanks, [redacted]

On 30 October, 16 x 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] were seen en route to Oschatz, coming from Zeithain. 2

4. On 3 November, the von-der-Goltz Kaserne was occupied about 60 percent by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 500 troops with tank insignia and about 20 uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. [redacted] 21 tanks were stationed in the barracks area. On 3 November, 3 T-34/85 tanks, about 50 troops at infantry training, 14 troops at guard drill, 23 troops receiving instruction on machine guns and 15 troops doing maintenance work on 4 trucks and 1 half-track armored personnel carrier, were seen in the barracks yard. At about 4 p.m., about 10 troops with 4 mortars entered the installation. [redacted]

5. On 22 October, the Mudra Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 2,500 troops, including 250 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and the others red-bordered black epaulets, with the latter including 900 troops with artillery insignia; and 50 uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Intensive activity was observed in the barracks area. The vehicle sheds were occupied to capacity. On 22 October, 12 soldiers engaged in service of the piece drill on 2 x 76.2-mm guns and about 30 soldiers in cleaning of 8 x 76-mm guns and 4 x 120-mm mortars in the barracks yard. Another 70 troops received basic training. [redacted]

6. [redacted]

1. [redacted] Comment. The elements of the 9th Tank Div stationed in Riesa are confirmed at the post and at training in the Zeithain area [redacted] until 10 November 1953. [redacted] The information vaguely confirms the following units:

In the Mudra Kaserne the 286th Engr Bn (US) and/or the unidentified signal battalion by black-bordered black epaulets observed there; the 218th Mort Regt by the mortars and artillery insignia; the 10 x 76.2-mm guns cannot be accounted for. The unidentified and unlocated howitzer artillery regiment, according to a previous report [redacted] is probably stationed in Oschatz. [redacted] The guns may have been AT guns of the 108th Tank Regt carried in the Mudra Kaserne.

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In the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne, the 70th Cds Hv Tank SP Regt by SP guns and JS and T-34 tanks.

The armored personnel carriers may belong to the submachine gun battalion of this regiment.

2. Comment. The unidentified RL battalion of the 9th Tank Div is carried in the Zaschendorf Kaserne in Meissen.

3. Comment. The military academy and its commander are mentioned for the first time.

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